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8 July 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT : Operation LCCASSOCK

1. This memorandum is designed to inform you of the recent addition of a new publication and distribution facility to the psychological/political warfare mechanisms supported and controlled by the OPC German Mission. While this operation has so far not entailed any financial expenditures on the part of OPC, and while it may not be necessary to commit any OPC funds to this operation in the future, I believe you would be interested in the background and present status of this undertaking.

2. The purpose of subject operation is to provide for the publication and distribution of black editions of regularly licensed Soviet Zone magazines. These editions have the same outer covers as legitimate publications but the inside pages are devoted to vigorous anti-Communist propaganda. The operation is to run for a period of nine months, starting on 1 April 1952 and extending through the month of December 1952. Each month, one such black edition will be produced in West Berlin and distributed in East Germany and/or East Berlin in the amount of 20,000 copies each. Two magazines are at present contemplated as regular output: a) the official information bulletin of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and b) the official Army Security Agency (NOPO) Magazine. Other magazines will be substituted occasionally as propaganda needs and opportunities warrant. The aim in each case will be to adapt the content to a specific Soviet Zone target and to direct distribution primarily to that group.

3. The operation is under the direction of a cleared indigenous agent in Berlin. He has been engaged in the publication and distribution of black editions of East German newspapers, and occasionally magazines, since early 1950. An OPC staff officer contacted this agent in the fall of 1950, but did not utilize him actively until April 1952. Since the summer of 1951, the agent's work has been supported on a regular basis by the Kaiser Ministry for All-German Affairs. Early in 1952, the agent applied for a HICOG grant to enable him to continue his anti-Communist activities. In line with the established policy by which HICOG engages only in "white" or "gray" psychological warfare activities, and by which CIA has the sole responsibility for truly covert operations, HICOG agreed to turn over the agent and his facilities to the OPC German Mission. An arrangement between HICOG and the OPC German Mission

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has been effected, whereby a NICOG grant of DM 10,000 per month, for a period of nine months beginning 1 April 1952, is made available to the OPC Berlin Station to finance subject operation. Anonymous West German industrial sources are being used as cover for the source of funds of the operation. The agent made a special trip to West Germany to establish this cover story, which has been fully accepted, even by his three co-workers.

4. The operation is supported by a distribution team of three men who have regularly handled the distribution of the agent's publications under Kaiser Ministry auspices. These men are in charge of distribution through LDP groups, Berlin youth organizations, the Berlin area labor union federation (UGO), and individual distributors. Distribution of magazines published by this operation will be carried out through those channels most capable of reaching the specific target groups involved. The principal agent also has an editorial staff consisting of three other journalists and a secretary, but he is the only person in contact with the OPC Berlin Station and all plans and drafts of material for each magazine are screened and discussed with him by the OPC case officer prior to publication.

5. Activities to date include a black edition of the official information bulletin of the LDP for the April operation. 20,000 copies were printed, and distribution in the Russian Zone and East Berlin was initiated on 15 April 1952. Distribution was carried out by the agent's distribution staff, primarily through LDP exile groups in Berlin and LDP contacts in East Berlin. The May publication was a black edition, in 20,000 copies, of a Russian Zone youth magazine. Distribution of this publication started in mid-May within the Soviet Zone. Information concerning the June operation is not available as of this writing.

6. The value of this operation to OPC lies in the fact that it adds an effective propaganda medium and distribution mechanism to our previously existing facilities for psychological/political warfare activities in East Germany. This is further enhanced by the fact that the contents of these editions can be directly controlled by OPC.

7. We shall keep you advised of further developments in subject operation and submit for approval a project outline, if the expenditure of OPC funds should be considered necessary and worthwhile.

[Handwritten signatures and initials over a horizontal line]
Chief, Eastern European Division

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